

Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. Talked with Ken BeLieu, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, to inquire when Mr. Weisl, Sr. plans to return to Washington. I was advised that when Weisl left he planned to return possibly ten days to two weeks after 4 February but at present there are no firm plans for his return. Mr. BeLieu put out a tentative feeler of whether or not the Agency could appear before the Senate Space Committee at 11:00 a. m. on 17 February. I gave him no answer one way or the other and he stated he would contact the Agency further on this.

In response to my question of whether the transcript of the DCI's appearance before the Space and Preparedness Investigating Subcommittees could be made available to General Twining, Mr. BeLieu advised that it would be preferable if DOD requested this of the Committee. The reason for raising the question was that General Twining's office had asked if they could review the transcript. Captain Gray in General Twining's office has been advised of the above.

2. Delivered to Miss Peggy DeMichele, the AA for Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), the letter to the Senator from Mr. Kirkpatrick dated 9 February 1959. In addition, delivered to Miss DeMichele the blind memorandum concerning two projects which are being reorganized resulting in the termination of certain contract types. The names were furnished and Miss DeMichele was advised that it is possible one or more of these individuals might contact the Senator's office. She seemed appreciative of this information.

3. Met with Mr. William Darden and as a matter of courtesy advised him of the revised CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services. He thought it was an interesting development and stated he would advise Senator Russell. Mr. Darden also indicated that if the Agency wished to furnish the Senate CIA Armed Services Subcommittee a briefing on the Agency an appropriate and convenient time might well be sometime during the week of 22 February. However, he will contact us on this.